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SLUSH CRUSH

It is difficult to find the main road in Mallasandra inside all the slush it is buried in after rain

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HEAT WAS ON

Visitor count at Bannerghatta zoo during summer vacation registers drop of nearly 16% as compared to last year

Vacant space under rail over bridge near Baiyappanahalli that was opened to public 3 years ago has turned into open urinal, debris dumping hotspot

UNDERHAND DEALINGS UNDER THE BRIDGE

Citizens suggest space be used for parking or be beautified with ornamental plants

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Motorists and pedestrians were very happy when the railway over bridge near Baiyappanahalli was opened to the public after a delay of more than a decade three years ago. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) spent a lot of money for the restoration of the road that connects the railway over bridge with Old Madras Road and service roads up to the railway track. They expressed gratitude to the railways, BBMP and elected representatives – MP and MLA – who played a key role in ensuring the completion of construction and inauguration of the railway over bridge.

CV Raman Nagar MLA S Raghu took interest in the development of service roads and asphalting the road up to Jeevanahalli and Cox Town Junction. Residents of Cox Town and other areas who use the road to visit Kalpalli Burial Ground expressed gratitude to the MLA for using the funds to asphalt the road that was in a bad condition.

Now, motorists and pedestrians, especially those who use the service roads along the railway over bridge to reach Kathal Palya and other areas, have expressed concern over debris and waste being dumped under the railway over bridge. They want the BBMP to prevent such trashing activities.

"Asphalting of the roads has helped motorists to commute on this road.

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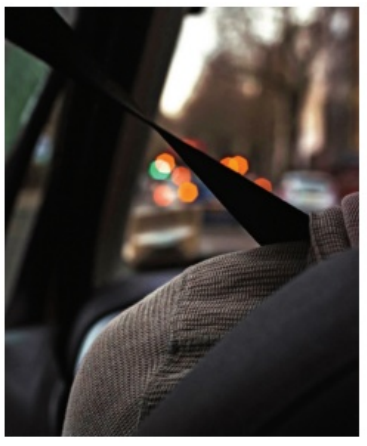
> **"The vacant space under the railway over bridge has become a destination for dumping debris. The BBMP must assign marshals to keep a vigil**
>
> — Vinod Kumar, citizen

Please fasten your seat belts



Of 8,000 traffic violations in 2 days recorded at B'luru-Mysuru highway, 7,000 are of people not wearing seat belts

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The Bengaluru-Mysuru highway recorded more than 8,000 traffic violations in less than two days.

According to the data shared by Alok Kumar, Additional Director General of Police, Traffic and Road Safety, the highway recorded 8,156 traffic violations on June 1 and June 2.

According to the data, around 7,000 of these were of people not wearing their seatbelts.

"Presumably, the Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway is used by one of the most decent and law-abiding cross sections of citizens in our country. But it's very dismaying to notice the high number of violations on this highway everyday. Please follow traffic rules; you are under constant watch," the top cop said on social media.

Not wearing seatbelts is the most

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Musical ode

Get enchanted by 'Simply Schubert,' an eclectic mix of flowing male choruses, tender and dramatic lieder, and sparkling solos, presented by The Bangalore Men, the all-male ensemble of Legato School of Music. The programme will showcase the musical genius of Franz Schubert with some of his most beloved choruses for male choir, such as Vier Gesänge, Ständchen (with mezzo-soprano solo), and Der 23rd Psalm, together with immortal lieder such as Erlking, Death and the Maiden, and others. **Where: Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield; When: June 8, 7.30 pm**

02 Learn on

The National Gallery of Modern Art, Bengaluru (Ministry of Culture, Government of India) invites you to a talk on "Environmental Changes" by BS Chandrashekar, Scientist-E, Institute of Wood Science & Technology (IWST), Bengaluru, on the occasion of commemorating World Environment Day 2024. **Where: National Gallery of Modern Art, Palace Road; When: June 8, 4 pm**

03 Embrace sustainability

Get ready for a day of eco-consciousness, artistic expressions, and immersive experiences at the 16th edition of Bhoomi Habba, Bengaluru's vibrant Earth Festival. This year's Habba focuses on the pressing water crisis affecting Bengaluru. Through workshops, panel discussions, and interactive exhibits, participants can engage with experts and community leaders to explore strategies such as rainwater harvesting, wastewater recycling, and the adoption of water-efficient technologies. **Where: Visthar, Doddagubbi, Kothanur When: June 8, 10 am to 7 pm**

Hospitals must display how much they charge

Health department directs hospitals to display 'schedule of charges payable' on website, notice boards

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Now, it is a must for every hospital/clinic to mention the schedule of charges payable. In its latest directive, the Department of Health and Family Welfare (HFW) said Section 10(1) of the Karnataka Private Medical Establishment Amendment Act, 2017 requires that every private medical establishment display a 'schedule of charges payable' for consultation, investigations, medical treatments, procedures, hospital charges, and other services on a public website or its own website, if available, and on a notice board at a prominent place in the reception area. They must also provide the same in booklets or brochures that are easily accessible to patients and the public at all times. Section 10(2) of the same act states that private medical establishments can only collect fees from patients or their relatives that do not exceed the charges listed in the displayed schedule, and they must provide an itemised bill for all services.

In a circular, D Ranadeep, HFW Commissioner, stated, "According to Section 10(4), for patients who are not eligible under the National Food Safety Act, 2013, but are referred under any government health assurance schemes, the charges that exceed the amount reimbursable by the government must adhere to the rates listed in the schedule, and an itemised bill must be provided. It has come to the attention of the Commissionerate of Health that some private medical establishments are charging consolidated rates for certain medical treatments or services and are not providing itemised bills. Therefore, all district HFW officers are instructed to ensure that all private medical establishments provide an itemised bill for every service. Only after providing the itemised bill should they collect charges from the patient or their relative." Appropriate actions will be taken against violators as per Section 19(5) of the KPME Amendment Act, 2017.

Fire safety in hospitals

The recent fire accident at a Delhi hospital has prompted the health department to mandate increased fire safety measures for hospitals in the state. The HFW department issued a circular emphasising the importance of fire safety in high-rise buildings to prevent incidents. According to the National Building Code 2010 of India, hospitals, nursing homes, and clinics fall under the "C" category of institutional buildings, which necessitates specific fire safety installations.

The department has also issued a circular to mandate increased fire safety measures for hospitals in the state

The circular states that buildings over 21 metres in height must obtain a mandatory Fire Safety No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Fire Safety Department. Additionally, buildings below 21 metres must submit a self-declaration confirming compliance with the fire safety measures outlined in the National Building Code 2010 and notify the fire department accordingly. "The recent fire eruption at New Born Baby Care Hospital in Delhi has highlighted the critical absence of emergency or fire exit systems on the premises, alongside the expiration of the hospital's NOC from the Fire Safety Department. The Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has directed immediate action on several fronts," Ranadeep added.

> **"Officers are instructed to ensure that all private medical establishments provide itemised bill for every service**
> – Health department circular

"All District HFW officers are instructed to ensure, through the authorised officers of the KPME in the district, that private medical establishments with inpatient facilities adhere to all fire safety measures. Officers are also directed to verify the validity of the NOC obtained from the fire department. If the certificate is expired, establishments must be compelled to renew it at the earliest. Any non-compliance by hospitals shall be reported to the department and the Commissionerate of HFW," the circular added.

Preserving heritage: Lalbagh walls get a facelift

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Over 70 employees from Axa-XL visited Lalbagh on Thursday to support the Horticulture Department's Lalbagh Pradakshine Project, which aims to rescue, restore, and transform the exterior walls of the entire perimeter of Lalbagh Botanical Gardens. The project was facilitated by India Rising Trust, an NGO that transforms public spaces across the city.

The walls of the Lalbagh garden are defaced and in a state of disrepair, and the footpaths are used for garbage dumping and urination. The volunteers from Axa-XL transformed 500 metres of the wall on Kanakanapalya Road (from Ashoka Pillar to RV Road). The work involved deep cleaning of the walls and surroundings, applying a coat of primer and base paint, and creating the foundation for designs that will follow in Phase 2. "Six marshals have participated in the cleaning programme today along with the volunteers," said Chickpet Division Marshal Supervisor Yashwanth HB.

Arun Pai, founder of Bangalore Walks and coordinator of India Rising Trust, said, "Sadly, as citizens, we have not done enough to preserve and protect the areas around the garden, and so, while the authorities do a good job managing the areas within the garden, the entrance areas and the entire perimeter on the outside are a terrible mess. If we don't put our efforts into supporting their preservation, we cannot complain that we are losing our heritage," he said.

Volunteers, BBMP employees & marshals beuatified Lalbagh walls on Thursday

Over the past three months, over four kilometres of perimeter walls have been cleaned, repaired, and spruced up with a coat of paint. With the support of BBMP, the garbage spots have been mostly eliminated, and urination has been controlled. The impact is already very visible for those who pass by, and there has been tremendous public support for this project. "The project was inaugurated in March. We are planning to write a letter to the BBMP authorities to keep the footpath along the compound wall of Lalbagh clean," said Kusuma, deputy director of Horticulture (Lalbagh).

Ballistic auto drivers put citizens, bike taxi operators in fix

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Despite the Karnataka High Court's directive to the State Government to protect the operations of bike taxis in Bengaluru, incidents of auto driver harassment still surface daily. Nanda Kishore, a bike taxi driver recently harassed by auto drivers, recounted, "I was driving with a customer when an auto driver stopped next to me at a red signal. He initiated a verbal fight, demanding I stop taking trips so he and his fellow drivers could get more business. I refused, stating I couldn't sacrifice my earnings for their income. Following the argument, the auto driver attempted to collide his auto with my bike multiple times, chasing me for 2 kilometres." Kishore sped to Koramangala police station to file a complaint, and within a week, the police took him into custody and booked him with a petty case."

Such incidents have become common in the city, with many bike taxi drivers citing auto drivers' violent behaviour and criminal motives.

Bike taxi drivers most affected by violent behaviour of auto drivers; citizens too report cases of abuse, angry interactions

Unfortunately, most incidents go unheard as people rarely speak out and often prefer to ignore the issues. This silence emboldens auto drivers, leading them to believe the public will continue to tolerate their harassment indefinitely.

"Auto drivers may fear the police, but they don't fear the public. They believe the public will always be intimidated by the auto drivers' union power and tolerate their attitude and arrogance, assuming people will never raise their voices against them," a bike taxi driver shared.

Some suggest that anyone involved in such acts should have their license confiscated by the transport department. "I've seen auto drivers harassing Rapido drivers, especially near Majestic railway station. And because they have a union, not many people can do something about the harassment," said a bike taxi customer.

The harassment by auto drivers in the city is not limited to bike taxi drivers. In a recent case, an auto driver allegedly spat on a woman.

"Every day we hear cases where people are being abused by auto drivers because they can't speak the regional language or are harassed over fare demands. One can't blame the police because I have seen traffic policemen stop fights and book auto drivers. They know that even if they get caught, they will get bail in two days so why bother," opined a citizen.

Right to progeny: Man gets parole after wife's plea

High Court allows woman's petition, asks murder convict to appear weekly before police

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A 28-year-old murder convict, Anand, has been granted a 30-day parole by the Karnataka High Court following a petition from his wife, who wished to have children with him. Judge SR Krishna Kumar allowed the parole, mandating Anand's weekly appearance before the jurisdictional police. The judge also permitted the wife to request an extension of the parole based on Anand's conduct while out.

The 31-year-old wife argued in her petition that she was being deprived of her right to progeny. She also mentioned that her mother-in-law, who is elderly and ailing, wanted to spend time with her grandchildren. Anand, a resident of Kolar, was arrested for murder and sentenced to life imprisonment by the district sessions court in 2019. He challenged the verdict in the Karnataka High Court, which reduced his sentence to 10 years. By this time, Anand had already spent over five years in jail.

Following the marriage, the wife sought a 60-day extended parole to spend more time with her husband.

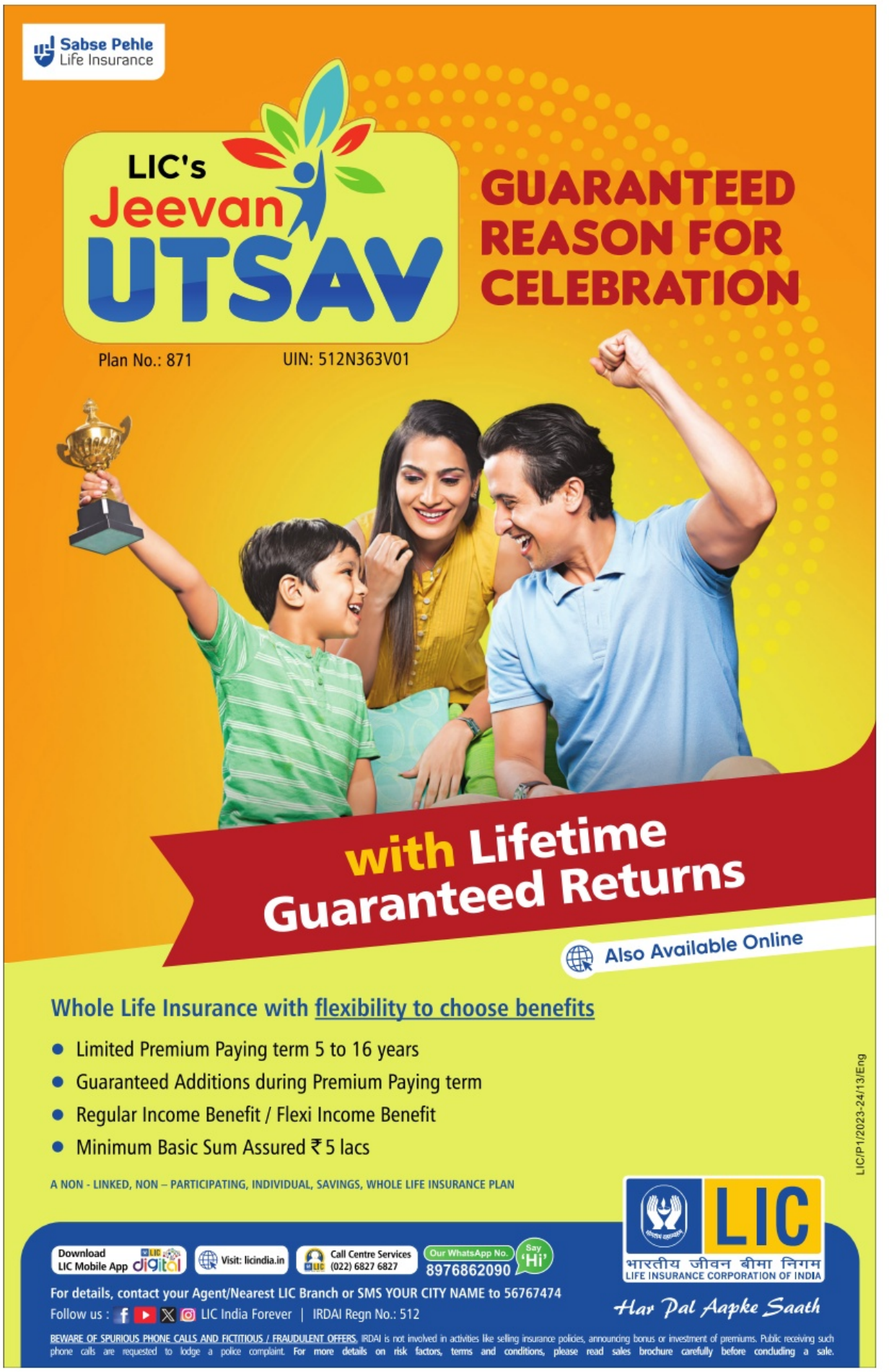
After Anand returned to jail, she requested a 90-day parole from the prison authorities, which was denied. She then approached the Karnataka High Court for the same, aiming to conceive a baby. The court has now granted a 30-day parole with a possible extension.

As directed by the High Court, the Superintendent of Prisons, Parappana Agrahara Central Prison, will release Anand from June 5 to July 4.4.

HC upholds maintenance for estranged wife

The HC recently dismissed a petition in which a husband questioned the interim maintenance granted to his estranged wife and minor child by the family court. Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum, part of the single-judge bench, dismissed the husband's argument that he was unemployed after losing his job and did not have other independent sources of income to pay the interim maintenance amount. The court noted that irrespective of the husband's financial status, he is bound to maintain his wife and minor children if he has deserted them and cannot shy away from his responsibilities.

The family court had ordered interim maintenance of Rs 7,000 for the wife and Rs 3,000 for the child. The HC upheld this, stating that the amount was not exorbitant. The family court, while passing its order, had taken cognisance of the fact that the husband's family owns a commercial complex. Justice Magadum noted that in present times, where inflation is steadily rising and the cost of living is extremely high, the wife will require the said amount to maintain herself, sustain the minor daughter's life, and fight the ongoing litigation. The court also considered the standard of living in Belagavi for the dismissal.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Slushy roads pose risks for two-wheeler riders

Mallasandra citizens urge BBMP to develop a comprehensive plan for the infrastructure improvement, emphasising the need for proper drainage systems and jurisdiction clarity

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Commuters from Mallasandra and surrounding areas are struggling with the slushy conditions of the main road. Despite multiple reminders, authorities continue to overlook the road, raising safety concerns. This is especially worrying for women who transport their children on two-wheelers to nearby schools, as rainy conditions exacerbate the risk of accidents. "While taking my child to school on my two-wheeler, I nearly lost my balance due to the slush on the road. This route is commonly used by many women for their children's school commute. I urge the authorities to clear the accumulated silt on the road to ensure the safety of two-wheeler riders," said Rudresh Naik, a citizen.

Girish Patil, a citizen, demands that the authorities maintain the road free from both slush and waterlogging, emphasising that these issues persist on the road. "It is not easy to commute on this road due to water logging whenever it rains heavily. Our area is added to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). Earlier it was under the jurisdiction of Kaggalipura Panchayat," said Girish Patil. The BBMP authorities' lack of planning to tackle infrastructure-related problems is apparent. Mallasandra joined the BBMP when its jurisdiction expanded by 4 sq km in December 2021, increasing from 712 sq km to 716 sq km. Mallasandra is one of the five villages added to the BBMP during this expansion.

VK Srivatsa, secretary of Change Makers of Kanakapura Road, urges the BBMP authorities to develop a comprehensive plan to resolve infrastructure-related issues. He emphasises the need for BBMP officials to visit the area to address these concerns. "There is no proper drainage system to carry rainwater to the nearest storm water drain or water body. A few stretches of the roadside drains are missing thus resulting in water logging on the road during the monsoon. The process of collecting property tax by the BBMP is in progress but the BBMP engineers are confused about the BBMP's jurisdiction," said Srivatsa. When Bangalore Mirror reached out to BBMP assistant engineer Pradeep regarding the efforts to remove the silt, initially, he stated that the road wasn't within the BBMP's jurisdiction. However, he later expressed willingness to investigate the issue. "The NICE road bridge mud is currently in a slushy state, and it will be cleared once it dries up, utilising earth-moving equipment. I have instructed the contractor to arrange for the equipment, and we aim to clear it by tomorrow or the day after," said the BBMP engineer.

> **"This route is commonly used by many women for their children's school commute. I urge the authority to ensure the safety.** – Rudresh, citizen.

Slush and silt covered road in Mallasandra

Silence please: KSPCB serves notice for noisy sewage plant

KSPCB notice reveals STP operating without required consent, citizens' complaints highlight noise pollution concerns

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In response to the persistent complaints from the citizens of Prestige Bagmane Temples Bell Apartment, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) served a notice to the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB). The complaints centered around the noise generated from the anaerobic digester at the 150 Million litres per day (MLD) Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) located in Pantharpalya village, RR Nagar zone, Kengeri hobli, Bangalore South taluk.

File photo of infrastructure of sewage treatment plant

According to the notice issued by KSPCB, the board had previously granted consent for establishment (CFE) for the STP with a capacity of 150 KLD. The facility, situated across survey numbers 109, 110, 111, 112, 118, 119, and 120 of Pantharpalya village, has been under scrutiny after BWSSB applied for a fresh consent for operation (CFO) to operate the plant. The application for CFO was still under review when the KSPCB received the complaint.

On May 20, a KSPCB Designated Environmental Officer (DEO) inspected the 150 MLD STP following the citizens' allegations. The inspection revealed that the anaerobic digester was operational without obtaining the mandatory prior consent from KSPCB. This oversight constitutes a violation of Section 25 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, which necessitates prior consent for operating such facilities. The violation attracts penal provisions under Section 44 of the same Act.

The citizens' complaint pinpointed the nuisance arising from the noise emitted by the anaerobic digester and its connected diesel generators. Furthermore, they identified the discharge point of treated water into V Valley as another notable source of noise pollution, significantly disturbing nearby citizens.

KSPCB's notice emphasised the immediate cessation of the anaerobic digester's operations until the required consent is obtained. The notice also instructed BWSSB to ensure compliance with the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000. Moreover, KSPCB has directed BWSSB to implement effective measures to mitigate the noise emanating from the treated water discharge point into V Valley.

Citizens of Prestige Bagmane Temples Bell Apartment are relieved by the prompt response from KSPCB and express hope that BWSSB will swiftly take the required measures to adhere to regulations and promptly resolve noise pollution issues.

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Litter zone

Pattanagere

The area around Pattanagere metro station has become a dumping ground, with trash and garbage scattered along the road.

Inconvenient parking

Jayamahal

A garbage truck parked right outside the iconic Jayamahal Palace is causing inconvenience and creating an eyesore.

Pole peril

Hebbal

The CCTV camera pole, dividing the footpath in front of Sindhi College's 3rd and 4th gates on Kempapura Main Road, is dangerously deteriorated. This poses a severe safety hazard.

Parliament calling: Who will take a seat?

Intense lobbying going on to ensure state's leaders get good portfolios

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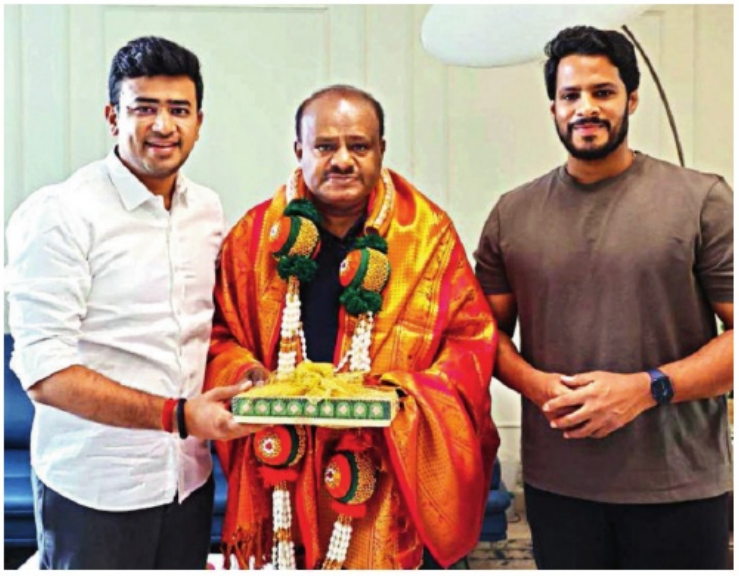
As Narendra Modi is expected to take over as prime minister for a third term on Sunday, Karnataka's parliamentarians are in the middle of intense lobbying to secure positions in the new government. The Modi administration faces a significant challenge: despite having fewer MPs from the states compared to the previous term, there are still a large number of 'highly qualified' contenders vying for the limited spots.

In 2019, the BJP secured 25 MPs from Karnataka, but this number has now been reduced to 17, while their coalition partner, the JDS, has secured two seats.

A political analyst observed, "There are three former chief ministers who have been elected to Parliament this time. Typically, former CMs are given first preference for Union cabinet positions. From the BJP, Basavaraj Bommai has won from Haveri, and Jagadish Shettar from Belagavi. Shettar has a brighter chance, as last year the BJP denied him an MLA ticket and instead offered him a chance to head to Delhi via a Rajya Sabha seat. Upset with that, Shettar quit the party and joined Congress. However, he soon returned to the BJP and was given a ticket to contest from Belagavi."

According to the analyst, there was significant pressure from the alliance partner, the JDS, to accommodate HD Kumaraswamy. "But, with only two MPs from the JDS, giving Kumaraswamy a cabinet position could lead to increased demands from other regional parties across the country, who might also seek representation in the Union cabinet. Balancing these demands will be a delicate task for the Modi government," they said.



BJP MP Tejasvi Surya meets former Karnataka CM HD Kumaraswamy and his son and JD(S) Youth Wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy, at their residence in Bengaluru on Thursday

> **BJP may need to make sacrifices to accommodate leaders from alliance partners. This could result in some BJP leaders from K'taka missing out on ministerial positions**
>
> – political analyst

Another analyst said that as Modi is set to take over as prime minister for a third term, the distribution of Union cabinet positions will be closely watched, particularly in Karnataka.

Sources indicate that some JDS leaders are advocating for Kumaraswamy to be given the agricultural ministry. "If Kumaraswamy is included in the cabinet, it would be part of the Vokkaliga quota. However, there are many aspirants from the Lingayat quota as well."

Former state minister V Somanna, who has won from Tumakuru this time, has been discontented for a while, having been asked to vacate his home turf in Govindarajanagar to contest in Varuna and Chamarajanagar for Assembly, where he did not succeed. Now, Somanna asserts that he is one of the more experienced leaders and that his contributions should not be overlooked. There are other notable Lingayat leaders, such as BY Raghavendra from Shivamogga and PC Gaddigoudar from Bagalkot, who are also vying for cabinet positions.

In the previous cabinet, there were four ministers from Karnataka, including Pralhad Joshi, who won from Dharwad; Shobha Karandlaje, who won from Bengaluru North in the recent elections; V Narayanaswamy (who did not contest this time); and Bhagwant Khuba, who lost in the elections.

"It remains to be seen if Joshi and Karandlaje, one of the few women ministers in the previous government, will be considered for cabinet positions," said an analyst, adding that the BJP may need to make sacrifices to accommodate leaders from alliance partners. This could result in some BJP leaders from Karnataka missing out on ministerial positions.

Meanwhile, leaders from Karnataka are expressing concerns. They believe that intense lobbying from parties like JDU and TDP, who are pushing for key ministerial positions for their state leaders, could lead to Karnataka losing out on significant portfolios, which could impact the priority and focus on important works and projects in Karnataka.

B Nagendra resigns

Scheduled Tribes Welfare Minister B Nagendra tendered his resignation amid allegations related to an illegal money transfer case involving the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd. He said that his decision to resign was voluntary and not influenced by external pressure.

In his statement to the media, Nagendra, said that he was stepping down to ensure a fair probe into the allegations against him.

This matter came to light after the corporation's accounts superintendent, Chandrashekhar P, died by suicide on May 26, leaving behind a death note detailing unauthorised transfers of funds from the corporation's bank account. However, Nagendra has denied the charges mentioned in the note. **–BMB**

Prajwal in custody till June 10

A court on Thursday extended the Special Investigation Team (SIT) custody of JD(S) leader Prajwal Revanna till June 10 in connection with the sexual assault case.

Ashok Nayak, the counsel for the SIT, submitted to the Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate that the agency did not have sufficient time to investigate him yet and that there was no clue about the original mobile handset on which the videos were recorded. "It needs to be ascertained how he was funded while he was in a foreign location. He has not given proper answers and has been rejecting the allegations. He had gone to the hospital complaining of a stomach ache," the counsel said. **–IANS**

Bodies of 9 trekkers to be airlifted to Bengaluru

Karnataka Minister for Revenue Krishna Byre Gowda said on Thursday that the state government was planning to airlift the bodies of nine trekkers from Uttarakhand's Dehradun to Bengaluru.

The trekkers died while trekking at Sahastra Tal in Uttarakhand due to adverse weather on Wednesday.

Taking to social media, Gowda said that after embalming the bodies in the local hospital in Dehradun, the government was planning to airlift all the bodies to Bengaluru on Thursday itself. "I met with Chief Secretary of Uttarakhand Radha Raturi and Secretary of Disaster Management Ranjit Sinha to thank them for their swift response during this calamity. I requested their help to arrange an aircraft to transport the bodies to Bengaluru. They have agreed to help."

"The bodies of five trekkers, identified as Sindhu Wakelam, Asha Sudhakar, Sujatha Mungurwadi, Vinayak Mungurwadi, and Chitra Praneeth, were airlifted to Uttarkashi. In today's early morning operation, four more bodies were recovered and airlifted to Uttarkashi," he stated.

Rescued trekkers being brought to Dehradun on Wednesday

The other four deceased trekkers are identified as Padmanabha KP, Venkatesh Prasad K, Anita Rangappa, and Padmini Hegde. He stated that 13 trekkers were rescued by authorities on Wednesday. Eight were already shifted to Dehradun, and five other rescued trekkers would also be airlifted from Uttarkashi to Dehradun on Thursday. **–IANS**

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Scorching heat slashes zoo footfall

BBP sees 16% drop in visitors, revenue falls by 18%; new measures & leopard safari planned to boost numbers

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Bannerghatta Biological Park (file photo)

Searing heat this summer has had its impact on footfall at Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP). Visitor count at the zoo during summer vacation (April and May) was recorded at 4.28 lakh compared to 5.09 lakh during the corresponding period last year, registering a drop of nearly 16 per cent.

Consequently, gate revenue was also reduced by 18 per cent. BBP collected Rs 13.42 crore as gate revenue in the 2023 summer vacation, which went down to Rs 10.99 crore this year.

According to AV Surya Sen, deputy conservator of forests and executive director of BBP, the heat that Bengaluru experienced this summer could have forced some of the children and parents to stay away from the park.

"We have been noticing this dip since March and this sharp drop can be correlated with heat this summer. There has also been a decrease in revenge tourism post the pandemic, leading to this drop," said Sen.

BM had reported a slight drop in the footfall earlier this year. While in March 2023, nearly 1.13 lakh people visited the park, the number of visitors dropped to 1.11 lakh this time. To improve this number, BBP authorities took a slew of measures.

To ensure that visitors were not subjected to direct sunlight, additional permanent and temporary shelters were created on the campus. Sheds were put up at the entrance and other crucial points inside the zoo so people waiting in queue were not exposed. All the shades were equipped with foggers for an instant cooling effect.

The park administration also planned to increase its fleet of eco-friendly transport and added ten more bicycles for the holiday season. The number of electric buggies was also increased, expecting an overwhelming crowd during the summer holidays.

To encourage more visitors, BBP authorities now plan to come up with special programs for schools and colleges in the city.

"We are still unclear about this dip in footfall. The end of revenge tourism after the pandemic could have played its role as well. However, we are looking at attracting visitors during non-peak time and are concentrating on schools and colleges. We will soon come up with packages for educational institutions," added Sen.

Leopard safari to start soon

Authorities also informed BM that the much-awaited leopard safari at BBP will begin within a month. Currently, the 50-acre area is being cleaned of the undergrowth to ensure the animals can be viewed. Officials are also observing the animals to ensure any behavioural management if needed.

"While the leopards have been trained, they are still trying to escape when left in a larger area. We are trying to iron out the last few problems and the safari is expected to start within a month," said Sen.

Biometric self-bag drop debuts at KIA

The Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) has introduced India's first biometric-enabled self-bag drop facility at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA). Partnering with the Materna Group, BIAL launched the facility in Terminal 2, with plans to expand it to Terminal 1 and other domestic airports. Tata Group airlines, including Air India, Air India Express, and Vistara, have piloted this initiative.

Previously, passengers needed to print boarding passes at self-check-in kiosks for bag drop.

Now, Digi Yatra allows domestic passengers to navigate the airport using face-scan biometric technology, eliminating the need for boarding passes or other identifications. Passengers can select the 'scan your face biometric for baggage drop' option, follow instructions to capture a biometric image, and proceed with luggage drop-off. The machine verifies flight details, asks about forbidden items, and instructs passengers to place their luggage on the conveyor. Tags can be generated at kiosks or the machine, and the luggage is automatically weighed, scanned, and sent to the baggage handling system. Receipts are provided, and excess baggage payments can be made at a counter, with UPI payments to be accepted soon. Traditional self-drop methods remain available.

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Lane violations second on list

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significant issue by sheer volume, with 6,998 pending cases and fines totaling ₹35,00,000. Only 161 of these cases have been closed, resulting in ₹80,000 in collected fines.

Lane violations also top the list with a staggering 775 cases reported. The fine amount to be collected from these violations stands at ₹38,75,000. However, only 14 cases have been closed, resulting in a mere ₹7,000 collected.

Triple riding, although less frequent with only five reported cases, shows complete non-compliance with no fines collected out of the ₹5,000 due. Similarly, the neglect of wearing helmets is widespread, with 124 cases reported and a potential fine of ₹62,000, yet no fines have been collected.

The issue of holding or using mobile phones while driving presents another area of concern. There are 58 pending cases with fines amounting to ₹1,72,000, but none of these cases have been closed, and no fines have been collected.

Speeding is another prevalent violation with 172 pending cases and fines amounting to ₹1,77,000. Only four cases have been closed, with just ₹4,000 collected. Similarly, wrong-way driving, although less frequent with only one reported case, shows no collected fines. No entry violations have 23 pending cases with a potential fine of ₹11,000, but again, no fines have been collected.

What was all that money spent for?

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However, the vacant space under the railway over bridge has become a destination for dumping debris. The BBMP must assign marshals to keep an eye out on those dumping debris," said Vinod Kumar, a pedestrian.

Demanding that the BBMP stop dumping of debris on a priority basis, Narayana Gowda N, an auto rickshaw driver, blamed the BBMP for leaving the space open without fencing it. "It will be better to use the space to park BBMP vehicles instead of keeping it vacant. It will be good if the BBMP can plant ornamental saplings," suggested Gowda.

Open urinal

The vacant space is being used as an open urinal thus making it stink up. "The BBMP spent a lot of money and elected representatives struggled a lot to get funds and convince the Army officers for the required land for the construction of one of the ramps of the railway over bridge. Now, it is disgusting to see the vacant space being used for dumping all types of waste," said Sundar K, a pedestrian.

Bangalore Mirror published a story – At your service, at last – on March 1, 2023, about how the service road was full of gravel and how Raghu, during the visit to the spot, had directed BBMP Executive Engineer (Major Roads) Priyadarshini to complete the asphalting of service roads and the main road between the ramp of the railway over bridge and Old Madras Road.

When contacted, Priyadarshini told BM she had written to the BBMP Horticulture Department last year advising them to plant saplings on the vacant space under the railway over bridge.

Heavy rains forecast at places in Krishna basin

Places in the Krishna basin in Karnataka were likely to receive moderate to isolated heavy rainfall till June 13, according to the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre.

It forecast scattered to fairly widespread light to moderate rains as well as isolated heavy rains till June 13.

It has also said due to heavy rains forecast over places in the upper Krishna basin from June 8 to 11, there would be a likely increase in the inflows into the Krishna basin.

Meanwhile, in the Cauvery basin, till June 11, scattered to fairly widespread light to moderate rains are likely, the KSNDMC said. The agency also said post June 11, rains are likely to reduce in the region.

According to data from KSNDMC telemetric rain gauge locations across the state, widespread rains were reported in Bengaluru Urban and Kolar on June 5 and the maximum rainfall is recorded at Sangareshkoppa in Saundatti taluk, Belagavi district with 107.5 mm.

Incidentally, Malnad and coastal regions registered a significant deficit in rainfall of -20 per cent to -59 per cent. While Malnad received 18 mm, compared to the 25 mm it receives around this time, coastal regions recorded only 25 mm as against 60 mm, according to the realised rainfall details of KSNDMC, registered between June 1 and 5.

Thunderstorms with lightning are likely to occur at isolated places over Bengaluru (urban and rural), Bellary, Chamarajanagar, Dakshina Kannada, Kalaburagi, Kolar, Mandya, Mysuru, Raichur, Tumakuru, Udupi and Yadgir today, according to India Meteorological Department, Bengaluru.

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Budget-friendly tips for bridal shopping

We are aware of the situation - it's your wedding, and you want to look marvellous from head to toe for all of the ceremonies. You've already decided on your mehendi sharara, sangeet Anarkali, jewellery, and so on. But one look at the price tags makes you feel like your heart is sinking—everything appears to be exorbitant and way out of your budget. So below, we have brought together some budget-friendly tips to make your trousseau shopping easier.

Outfits

Go for classic and timeless pieces rather than the latest fashion trends, as they may go out of style. If you enjoy saris, invest in basic silk saris such as Kanjeevaram, Banarasi, and South Silk. They are always fashionable and will never be out of trend, so you'll be able to wear them later too. If opting for lehenga, opt for one in colours you can mix-n-match with multiple others. This way you can wear your lehenga again but still look different.

Bags

Before you go out and buy a bunch of new ones, have a look at the ones you currently have and see if they can fit into your bridal trousseau. A reasonable purse, a hobo bag, and a striking clutch are all worthy investments. These are the types of bags you'll need after your wedding. Potli bags are also a good option because they match well with Indian clothing.

Jewellery

Look for heirloom pieces, like those that have been passed down the generations. You can have them polished or tweaked. A lot of retailers these days specialise in one or two gram jewellery, which is usually made of copper or silver, but coated with gold and might be a decent alternative to pure gold. You can invest in such pieces to save a lot of money because buying all pure gold can strain the budget.

Footwear

Always choose footwear that is comfy. You should be looking for one pair of footwear that will match most of your Indian wear. If you can't wear heels, juttis are a good alternative. There are numerous Instagram stores that sell high-quality, comfy juttis. If you must wear heels, choose wedges or platform heels because they are more comfortable. Choose a few ethnic shoes, including heels and flats, depending on what you can wear. Also, invest in a good pair of sneakers, as they go with most western clothing and will keep you comfy on your honeymoon travels.

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8 easy steps to get the perfect nude makeup look

While the glowy glam smokey look can turn lots of heads and is pretty bold, the nude makeup look is refreshing on the eyes. Nude makeup looks can be worn every day and everywhere, enhancing the features and adding that subtle glow. If you have been wondering how to get a nude makeup look - given below are important steps you may follow to achieve the same.

Step 1: Cleansing

To work your way up with this nude makeup, a good and healthy canvas, that is our skin is super important. Using a gentle face wash to cleanse the skin takes the grime and extra sebum off. You can also put on a clay mask if you need an extra deep cleanse. Take your face wash, pump a pea size on your palm and massage it on your skin in a circular motion for at least one minute.

- Take it off and pat your skin dry. Post wash, and apply a toner gently.
- If you have oily skin then opt for a gel-based cleanser
- If you have dry skin use a cream-based cleanser.

Step 2: Moisturising

It is recommended to apply moisturiser on damp skin. Choose your favourite moisturiser as per your skin type and apply a dollop of it thoroughly on the skin. Use upward strokes and massage the moisturiser gently. If you have oily skin go with a gel-based moisturiser or an oil-free moisturiser to seal your skincare routine.

If you are someone with dry skin opt for a cream-based moisturiser. Post applying wait for a minute for the product to sip into your skin well. You can also use your sunscreen to top it off! These days there are many sunscreens that work pretty well as a moisturiser too.

> "This makeup trend is all the rage today as it can be worn every day and everywhere, enhancing the features and adding a subtle glow

Step 3: Primer

If you have pores or feel a bit more texture on your skin these days, take a primer and apply it to the face. You'll see a huge difference and an instant flawless finish. There are matte finish primers and glow-adding primers available in the market. If you want your nude makeup look to stay in place then primer is a must.

Step 4: Foundation

If you don't want to go overboard straight with a foundation you can also mix your preferred shade of foundation with your primer and create a tint. You can also mix a bit of your foundation with your moisturiser to create a perfect tint. It gives a hint of coverage but doesn't bury your skin quirks. Remember, with nude makeup, we are not focusing on completely concealing our skin.

Step 5: Spot-Conceal

If you have a zit that you would like to conceal further use a spot concealer. Post application dab the same with a sponge rather than stroking it with a brush.

Step 6: Eye Makeup

Start by dabbing some concealer on the eyes so the eyeshadow stays well. Get a palette with nude shades for you to play with. You may go with the brown or taupe hues as per your skin colour.

Take a dark shade and build a crease with a pointed brush. Post that apply a pastel nude shade right in the middle. Now, add a highlighter right below the brows. Voila!

Time for eyeliner and mascara! Apply eyeliner on the lash line and put on a coat of mascara.

Step 7: Apply a Blush

Now to make your apples pop, add your favourite blush. Avoid using contrast shades and go with something natural as per your skin shade. Opt for a mauve or a pink shade and with a smile, start applying it to your cheeks. If you want to add a shimmery and more glowy feel, top your cheekbones with a light dab of highlighter.

Step 8: Apply a Lipstick

There are plenty of options in the market when it comes to nude lipstick shades. Many moons ago beauty creators vouched for the fact that a lip shade closest to the nipple colour works the best. To make things easier opt for a shade that is closest to your skin tone. Top it off with a lip gloss and there you have it! A perfect nude makeup look!

Tips To Get The Perfect Nude Makeup Look?

Make sure your skin is well hydrated. A perfect hydrated base can make the application of the products way smoother. A supple texture will further make the look appear more natural. We recommend locking in the hydration right away after face wash - on damp skin!

Preferably go with light eyeshadows. Opt for natural light-toned eyeshadows to create that perfect yet natural-looking shade to tap on your crease. In short, natural light eyeshadows would be very close to your skin shade and that will blend in perfectly. Here we aren't looking for bright pink or blues.

Use a dewy foundation or skin tint. Skin tints are way easier to make and can add that extra hydration. Get your preferred moisturiser and add one drop of your skin foundation or BB cream and blend it well and apply. The finishing is smooth and that's what we are looking for with this look.

Choose a nude lipstick as per your skin colour. Nude shades grace everyone's vanity as we all pretty much love it. Nude lipsticks would be subtle and close to browns and peaches.

You know girl! Less is more with nude makeup everyday look. Working with your features and gently enhancing them with subtle hues is the name of the game here.

—Vrushali Khadilkar, Femina

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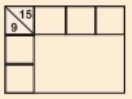
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

[4! / ((3^4) – (4^3) – (4^2) – (4^1) – (4^0))] = ?

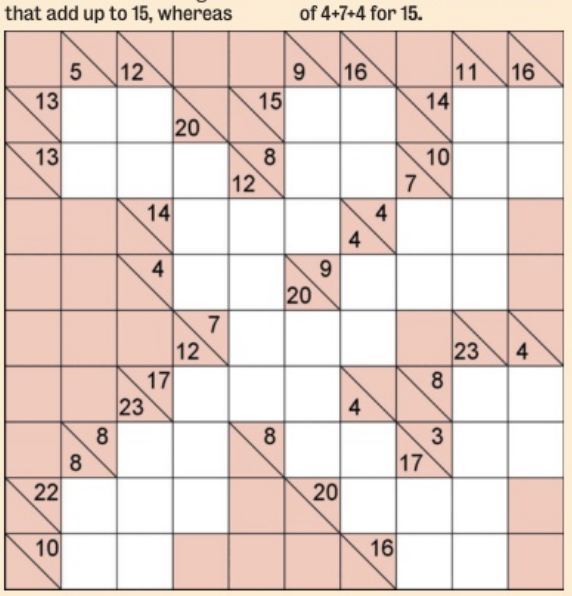
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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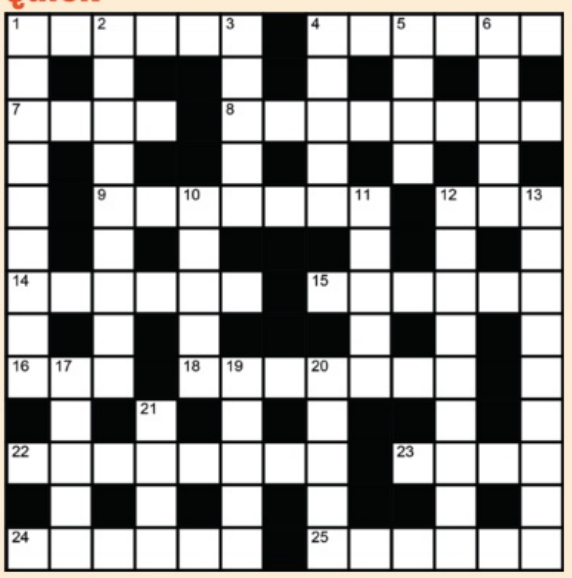


ACROSS

1 Paid attention to? (6)
4 Bangalore lake–"Blab he"anagram (6)
7 To go on horseback (4)
8 The bid by you and me (3,5)
9 Practical person (7)
12 Strange (3)
14 Overlook, ostracise or neglect (6)
15 ____ Aires : Argentina's capital city (6)
16 Opposite of nay (3)
18 Speak softly (7)
22 Made or became better (8)
23 Mother of Zeus (4)
24 Metal percussion instrument (6)
25 Slip by; pass away (6)

DOWN

1 Mouth-organ (9)
2 Stamina (9)
3 Drily witty (5)
4 Takes on lease or on rent (5)
5 Fan or enthusiast (4)
6 In front (5)
10 Archer's missile (5)
11 Former US President Donald ___ (5)
12 Possession (9)
13 Put out of place (9)
17 Delicious (5)
19 Decrepit dwelling (5)
20 Move sideways (5)
21 Lacklustre (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: A EQUALS D

TSQWSIAJT'Q YUFS ICMQ AUM'W XLM WUAJT'Q OJFSQ.

Linemaro

I'd use try a cheesy compliment on you, but you're way too smart

Mindchow

You can't start the next chapter of your life if you keep re-reading the last one

Joke of the day

Teacher: Anyone who thinks he's stupid may stand up. (No one does). Little Johnny stands up. Teacher: Oh, Johnny, you think you're stupid? Johnny: No, I just feel bad that you're standing alone

Loop

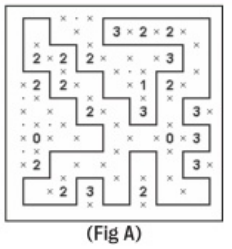
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

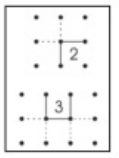
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

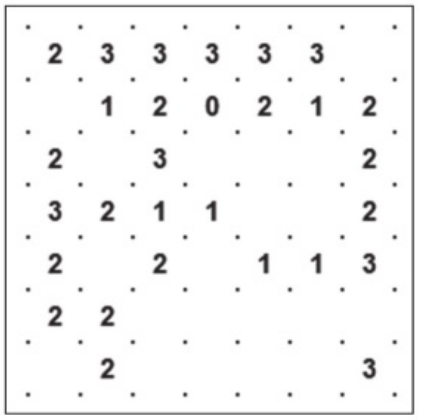
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



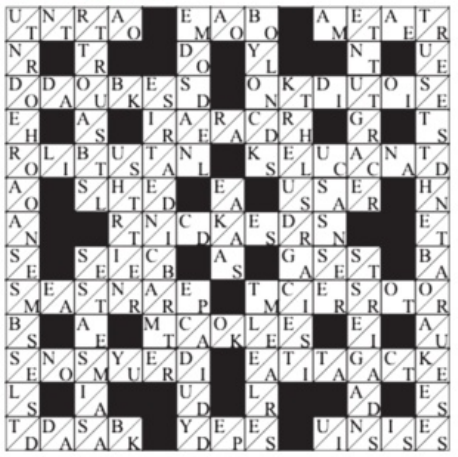
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



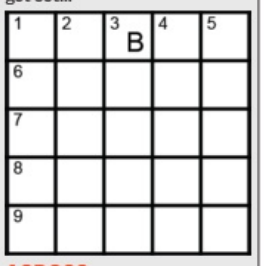
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

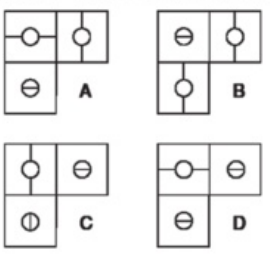
1 Me deb; 6 Allyl; 7 Brake; 8 Are to; 9 Is wet

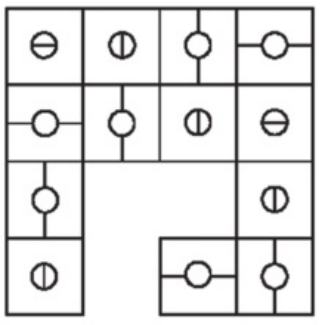
DOWN

1 Bowel; 2 IR Arm; 3 Table; 4 At eel; 5 D keys

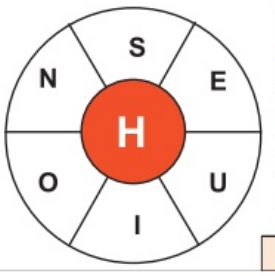
Mensapuzzle

Which is the missing section?





Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

06 Average; 07 Good; 09 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	5	8				2	4	
6								3
			3	9	8			
	6	4		8		1	3	
		9		7		4		
	7	2		5		9	6	
			1	4	7			
7								2
	1	6				5	7	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

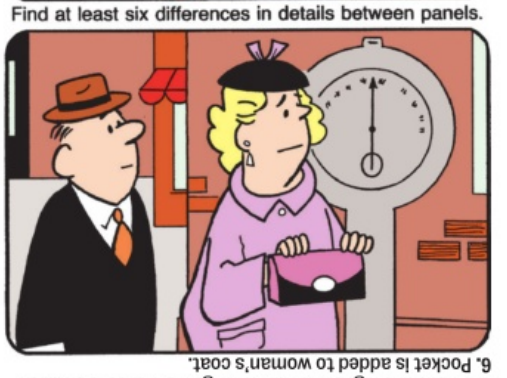
Easy = 15
6 8 8 9

Medium = 13
2 5 6 7

Hard = 20
1 7 8 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



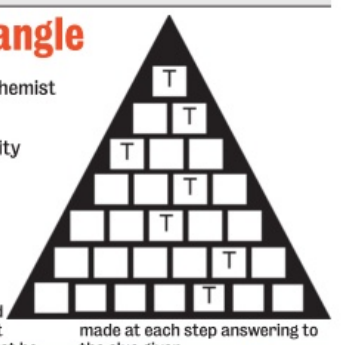
Differences: 1. Arrow is moved. 2. Fingers are moved. 3. Bricks are higher. 4. Hair is longer. 5. Purse is smaller. 6. Pocket is added to woman's coat.

Riddler

This is a newspaper headline: Workers Strike–Want to Make Less Money! What is going on?

Alpha triangle

1 20th letter
2 Astatine for the chemist
3 Keyboard key
4 Greek letter
5 Reduced in intensity
6 Argue
7 Tardy

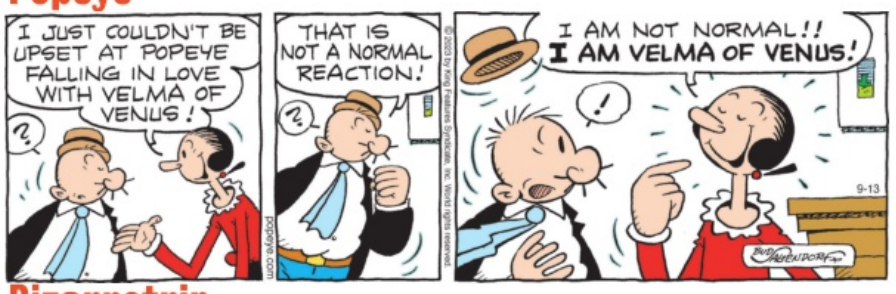


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

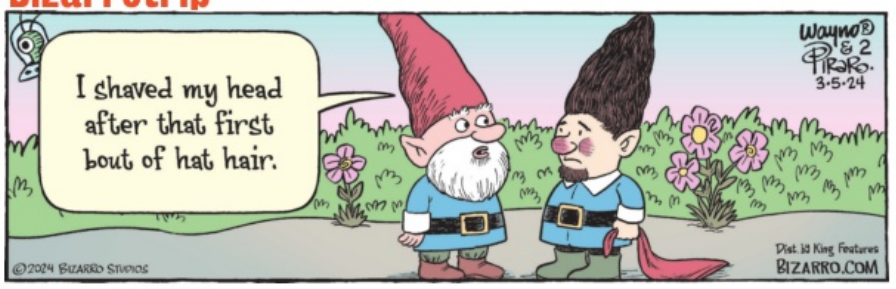
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye


I JUST COULDN'T BE UPSET AT POPEYE FALLING IN LOVE WITH VELMA OF VENUS!
THAT IS NOT A NORMAL REACTION!
I AM NOT NORMAL!! I AM VELMA OF VENUS!
9-13

Bizarrotrip


I shaved my head after that first bout of hat hair.
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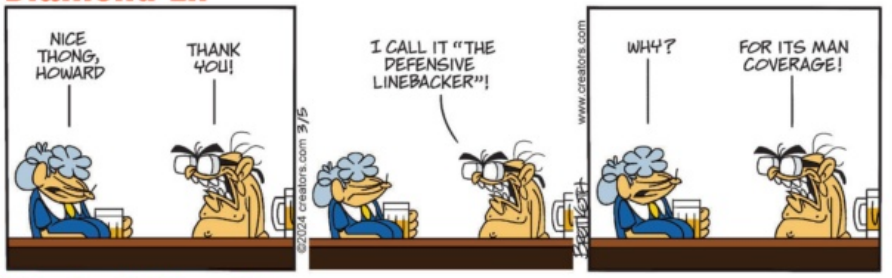
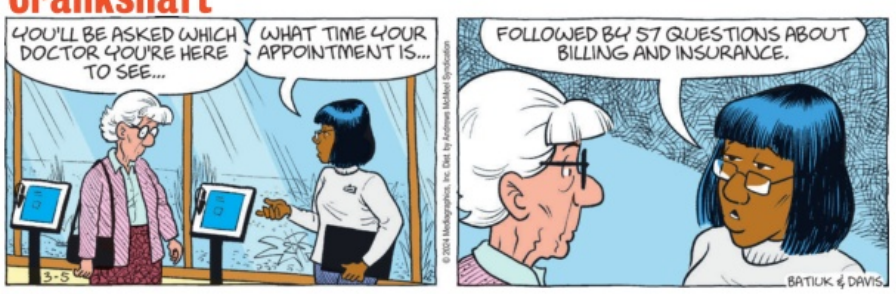
Diamond Lil



Hart of the city

LEE IS SO PRECIOUS ABOUT HER THINGS. EVERYTHING'S GOT TO BE JUST RIGHT.
LOOK WHAT SHE SENT ME!
LEE <3
YOU MISSED AN IMPORTANT SCENE IN THE SHOW WHILE CLEANING!
JUST CUZ YOUR ROOM IS A PIGSTY DOESN'T MEAN MINE HAS TO BE!
THAT'S NOT ACCURATE. PIGS ARE ACTUALLY VERY CLEAN.
CHARLOTTE, YOU'RE MISSING THE POINT.

Crankshaft


YOU'LL BE ASKED WHICH DOCTOR YOU'RE HERE TO SEE...
WHAT TIME YOUR APPOINTMENT IS...
FOLLOWED BY 57 QUESTIONS ABOUT BILLING AND INSURANCE.
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel alone and find yourself in the self-analysis process. You may expect some changes in your place or position. Your patience may be tested many times. You may be arrogant with the people around you, affecting your personal life. You are advised to avoid adventure tours.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you are blessed by the positive moon, which may generate positive energy in your surroundings. You may be more creative and bring some artefacts or household things to renovate your house. Disputes in the partnership may likely be resolved. You might anticipate some business travel involving long distances. Your connection with your spouse is likely to be strong, fostering harmony in your home life.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may perform your best in the office. You could develop a solid rapport with your boss, potentially leading to new responsibilities or even a promotion. Old health issues may be cured. Disputes with the siblings may be resolved now. Money which was stuck may likely be recovered now. Job seekers may find new jobs.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you might find yourself occupied with your children's education, possibly even considering plans for their higher studies. Couples may hear good news in terms of kids. You may make some plans for higher studies to boost your career. You also may attend some workshops to get a promotion in the current job. Singles may likely find their soulmate.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today the negative moon may make you upset. You may feel dissatisfied and you may not be able to take your responsibilities. Your investments may give you some loss. You are advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature. Elders' health may make you upset. You may plan to reconstruct your house, but it is advised to postpone renovation for a while.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today your vital force seems to be good, it may help you to complete your tough projects easily. You may expand your network after a short work-related trip. You may also help some needy person, it may increase your social status. Arguments with siblings may resolve, potentially strengthening your bond with them.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be busy with a family get-together. You may become polite with the people around you, which could make your relatives and friends think better of you. You will spend money on buying some artefacts which will improve your social status. You may hear some good news from one of your close relatives.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, receiving elders' blessings may aid you, fostering the growth of patience within you. Your focus may come back, it may help you to achieve your goals. You may perform well in terms of business and domestic life. There may be some balance between expenditures and savings. It may boost your savings.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you might experience some dissatisfaction, feeling lethargic and unmotivated, which could impact the progress of your project or work by causing delays. Love birds are advised to avoid any important decision in terms of marriage. Job seekers are advised to work hard in terms of interviews.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today your internal power may make you happy. You may get short gains in terms of investments. You might establish a positive relationship with your boss. You may have some promotions. Your prestige in society may increase. You may also expect some work-related travel.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may be blessed by the moon. Your hard work might earn you a higher position, and you could also see better performance at work. You may also meet an influential person, who may guide you to improve your life. You will manage your domestic issues very easily, which may boost harmony in domestic life.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you might feel happy as things improve. You may plan to visit some religious place, it may give you inner peace and strength. You may also donate some amount to religious places or charity. You may expect some overseas travel in terms of education or work. Couples may get their suitable match. Singles are likely to find soul mates.

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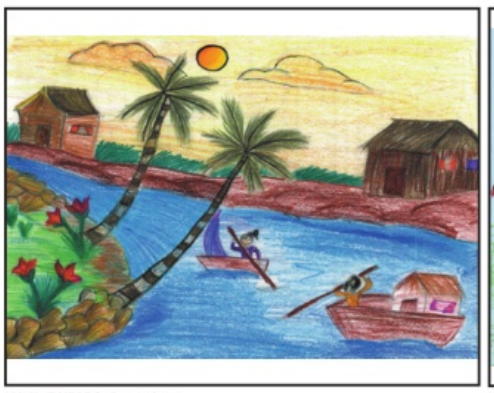

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
4!/81-64-16-4-1 = (4×3×2×1) / 81-85 = 24/(-4) = -6

QUOTE UNCODE
Yesterday's home runs don't win today's games.

FAST FIVE

E	M	B	E	D
L	A	L	L	Y
B	R	E	A	K
O	R	A	T	E
W	I	T	E	S

BULL'S EYE
HEINOUS, hone, hose, house, shin, shine, shone, shoe, shun

STRIKE OUT

U	N	T	O	M	O	B	M	E	A	T				
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MENSA PUZZLE
D: Each line, both across and down, contains one of the four different symbols.

RIDDLER
The workers work at the mint and are tired of being overworked. They want to work less, which is making less money, since money is made at the mint!

SUDOKU

9	1	6	8	3	2	5	7	4
7	4	3	9	6	5	8	1	2
2	8	5	1	4	7	3	9	6
1	7	2	4	5	3	9	6	8
8	3	9	6	7	1	4	2	5
5	6	4	2	8	9	1	3	7
4	2	7	3	9	8	6	5	1
6	9	1	5	2	4	7	8	3
3	5	8	7	1	6	2	4	9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
T, At, Tab, Beta, Bated, Debate, Belated.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 + 8 + 6 − 8 = 15
Medium
7 × 2 + 5 − 6 = 13
Hard
7 + 5 × 1 + 8 = 20

LOOP

KAKURO

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 # Gifted shoes
Dakota Fanning reveals Tom Cruise has been gifting her shoes on every birthday since 2005

EASY READER

Rashmika has caught the book reading bug and says there is no going back

Actress Rashmika Mandanna is a bookworm going by her latest update on social media, where she shared that she is reading her seventh book.

Rashmika took to Instagram, where she shared a glimpse of the book "King of Wrath" by the best-selling author Ana Huang.

"Once you start reading there's no going back... moving to my seventh book now. So exciting," Rashmika said.

> "Once you start reading there's no going back... moving to my seventh book now

On the work-front, Rashmika will next be seen in Allu Arjun-starrer "Pushpa: The Rule", which is directed by Sukumar.

Most recently, the second track titled "Sooseki" from the film was dropped. It is picturised on Allu Arjun and Rashmika. The track is composed by National Award-winning music director Devi Sri Prasad and Shreya Ghoshal has lent her vocal prowess.

The film is bankrolled by Mythri Movie Makers and also stars Fahadh Faasil in Sukumar's directorial, which is set to arrive in cinemas on August 15.

She then has "The Girlfriend" by filmmaker Rahul Ravindran, who in March 30, shared that Rashmika dubbed in five languages, including Malayalam, for the first time for the teaser of the film, which is touted to be a one-of-a-kind love story. The male lead is yet to be announced.

Rashmika will also be seen sharing screen space with Vicky Kaushal for the first time in Laxman Utekar's historical drama film "Chhava", set on the life of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, the son of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

—IANS

Learning a new language

Actress-filmmaker Divya Khossla is working on her dialect for her next maiden Telugu film "Hero Heeroine" and said that she has started taking Telugu classes to learn the language and is working on her dialect.

She added that she is also reading and watching a lot of South Indian movies to immerse herself in the culture.

Divya said: "As I continue promoting 'Savi', I'm also diving into preparations for my first Telugu film, 'Hero Heeroine'. I'm extremely excited about this project. It's a fantastic film where I will be seen in a glamorous avatar, with extensive preparations underway in Hyderabad."

The actress-filmmaker then shared what all she is doing to perfect her character in the film.

"I have already started my Telugu classes to learn the language and am working on my dialect. I'm also reading and watching a lot of South Indian movies to immerse myself in the culture, as it is integral to the film."

Divya says she is excited about the "South Indian" look. "This collaboration is wonderful, and I am excited about the South Indian look and the vibrant movie world we're creating."

—IANS

Legally blind advantage

Hollywood star Jake Gyllenhaal, who has been wearing intensive corrective lenses since he was six years old, said that being classified as legally blind has been "advantageous" to his career. The 43-year-old star has 20/200 vision and has been wearing intensive corrective lenses since childhood after being born with a lazy eye, which naturally resolved.

He told The Hollywood Reporter about being classified as legally sightless: "I like to think it's advantageous. I've never known anything else. When I can't see in the morning, before I put on my glasses, it's a place where I can be with myself."

Llegally blind means that the visual acuity is less than 20/200, however, even with prescription eyewear, the individual must not be able to achieve 20/200 vision to truly meet the criterion.

Gyllenhaal told how he removed his contacts for a scene in 'Southpaw' in which police told his character Billy 'The Great' Hope that his wife is dead as he said the move forced him to appear as if he was listening "more closely" to the cops, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

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Take inspiration

Actress Shriya Saran found the story of visually impaired para athlete Simran Sharma and her husband Ganjendra Sharma inspiring, and expressed her desire to meet them.

Shriya, on Thursday, morning took to her Instagram stories, where she shared an article about Simran and how her husband Gajendra sold his land for her to win gold for India. In May, Simran won gold at the World Para Athletics Championship in Japan.

The article also spoke about how her athlete husband, whom she met in 2015, started training her. After two years of their wedding in 2019, Simran met para athlete Narayan Thakur, who believed in her and encouraged her to join in the para category, for which she needed a licence.

Shriya captioned the article: "I want to meet this couple. Inspiring. Simran, you are amazing." Talking about Shriya, she is known for her work in Tamil, Telugu and Hindi films.

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An ordinary man

The trailer of Kotee was released on Saregama Kannada YouTube channel on Wednesday. Daali Dhananjaya and Moksha Kushal are the lead pair in the movie scheduled for release on June 14.

Kotee is about a truthful driver with the ambition to earn Rs 1 crore without cheating or hurting anyone, in order to take care of his family. Dhananjaya's portrayal of an ordinary man, Ramesh Indira's role as a notorious villain, Thara's role as the mother, vibrant visuals, compelling background score, and the Hulivesha (tiger dance) sequences in the trailer caught movie-goers' attention.

Dhananjaya said that the movie is the story of a middle-class common man. "It's a family entertainer that everyone will connect with," he said. Director Param has said the movie Kotee is a content-driven commercial movie. "A compelling story and great entertainment are guaranteed from this movie," he said.

Success celebrated

Kannada movie Grey Games, billed as a unique attempt in Sandalwood, has successfully completed screening of 25 days at 26 screens in major cities across Karnataka. The movie was released last month. A function was held on Monday to celebrate the movie's success. The team members of the movie were felicitated with mementos by producer Anand Mugad.

Director Gangadhar Salimath thanked the audience. "On an average, 45 shows of this movie are held per day across the state. I thank audiences who popularized this movie through word of mouth publicity," said Salimath.

Producer Mugad said that he had an ambition of bankrolling a Kannada movie. "I realised my dream with Grey Games. I am very happy with Grey Games completing 25 days of screening. I thank all those responsible for the success of the movie," he said.

Vijaya Raghavendra played the lead in the movie. "I believed that this movie has some potential when I attended the launching and pre-release events. Now, it has proved its potential by completing 25 days of screening," said Vijaya Raghavendra.